AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. – 29.   (canceled)

30.   (amended) A <u>material comprising a</u> ceramic formed from a bimodal oxide powder ~~according to Claim 1~~ <u>comprising</u>

<u>(a) a first metal oxide powder; and</u>

<u>(b) a second, nanoscale metal oxide powder,</u>

<u>wherein</u>

<u>the first metal oxide powder (a) has a d_{50} value of 0.2 μm to 12 μm;</u>

<u>the second nanoscale metal oxide powder (b) has a d_{50} value ranging from 10 nm to</u>

<u>300 nm;</u>

<u>the size ratio of the d_{50} values of (a) to (b) lies between 12.4 and 40 to 1; and</u>

<u>the quantity ratio of (a) to (b) is from 0.1 : 99.9 to 99.9 : 0.1.</u>

31.   (canceled)

32.   (amended)   A dental material or dental product comprising a ceramic ~~according to Claim 14~~ <u>made of metal oxide powder with a bimodal particle size distribution</u>

<u>made from a bimodal metal oxide powder comprising</u>

<u>(a) a first metal oxide powder with a d_{50} value of 0.2 μm to 12 μm and</u>

<u>(b) a second, nanoscale metal oxide powder with a d_{50} value of 10 nm to 300 nm,</u>

<u>wherein the size ratio of the d_{50} values of (a) to (b) lies at a maximum of 40 to 1 and the</u>

<u>quantity ratio of (a) to (b) is from 0.1 : 99.9 to 99.9 : 0.1.</u>

33.   (new)   The dental product of claim 32, wherein the size ratio of the d_{50} value of (a) to (b) lies between 12.4 and 40 to 1.

34.   (new) A method comprising the step of forming a dental product from a ceramic made of metal oxide powder with a bimodal particle size distribution made from a bimodal metal oxide powder comprising

(a) a first metal oxide powder with a d_{50} value of 0.2 μm to 12 μm and

(b) a second nanoscale metal oxide powder with a d_{50} value of 10 nm to 300 nm, wherein the size ratio of the d_{50} value of (a) to (b) lies at a maximum of 40 to 1 and the quantity ratio of (a) to (b) is from 0.1 : 99.9 to 99.9 : 0.1.

35.   (new) The method of claim 34, wherein the size ratio of the d_{50} value of (a) to (b) lies between 12.4 and 40 to 1.